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Iowa Finance Authority Awards more than \$945,000 in Grants to Support Homelessness Services in Iowa

Iowans in 55 Iowa Counties to Benefit from Shelter Assistance Grant Funds

DES MOINES – The Iowa Finance Authority Board of Directors recently awarded a total of \$945,385 in grants to twenty-five Iowa service providers to assist with costs associated with operating homeless and domestic violence shelters. The funding is made available through the Shelter Assistance Fund program.

The Iowa Finance Authority administers the Shelter Assistance Fund and accepts applications on an annual basis. The applications are judged through a competitive process based on criteria including: project design and competition priorities, experience and capacity, community partnerships and need and performance and budget. The Iowa Finance Authority received 38 eligible applications for the 2013 round requesting more than \$1.6 million in funding. The program is funded with proceeds from the Real Estate Transfer Tax.

“Affordable housing is at the core of stable families and strong communities,” said Iowa Finance Authority Executive Director Dave Jamison. “The grants announced today will play a direct role in assisting many Iowa families to overcome obstacles and avoid homelessness or quickly regain stable, affordable housing.”

Service providers may use Shelter Assistance Fund grants to assist with costs associated with providing essential services, emergency shelter operations and homelessness prevention services.

The Iowa Council on Homelessness reports that 16,238 homeless Iowans were served by service providers throughout the state in 2012, which is a decline from 19,526 reported at the time of the annual report in 2011. Iowa’s homelessness assistance and prevention programs throughout the state assisted an unduplicated total of more than 33,969 Iowans in 2012.

The Iowa Legislature created the Iowa Finance Authority, the state’s housing finance agency, in 1975 to undertake programs to assist in the attainment of housing for low and moderate-income Iowans.

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Projects awarded Shelter Assistance Funds awards:

Listed by County in which organization is based.

Black Hawk County

Community Housing Initiatives, Inc. - \$11,900

- Area served: Black Hawk County
- Contact: Doug LaBounty: 712-262-5640

The Salvation Army: Waterloo/Cedar Falls - \$28,000

- Area served: Black Hawk County
- Contact: Jose Tamayo: 319-235-9358

Cerro Gordo County

Francis Lauer Youth Services, Inc. - \$28,000

- Area served: Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin, Hancock, Kossuth, Mitchell, Winnebago and Worth Counties
- Contact: Jean McAleer: 641-423-7362

NIAD Center for Human Development/Crisis Intervention Service - \$56,902

- Area served: Butler, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin, Grundy, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Humboldt, Kossuth, Mitchell, Webster, Winnebago, Worth and Wright Counties
- Contact: Mary Ingham: 641-423-0490

Clinton County

Pathway Living Center - \$54,000

- Area served: Clinton County
- Contact: Melissa Peterson: 563-242-3687

Dubuque County

Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA - \$36,000

- Area served: City of Dubuque
- Contact: Sharon Covey: 563-556-3371

Opening Doors - \$32,000

- Area served: Black Hawk, Buchanan, Clayton, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Fayette, Jackson, Jones, Johnson and Linn Counties
- Contact: Michelle Brown: 563-582-7480

Project Concern - \$27,318

- Area served: Delaware, Dubuque and Jackson Counties
- Contact: Stacy Martin: 563-588-3980

Linn County

Area Substance Abuse Council - \$79,200

- Area served: Clinton and Linn Counties
- Contact: John Garringer: 319-390-4611

Foundation 2, Inc. - \$54,000

- Area served: Linn County
- Contact: Barb Gay: 319-362-1170

Hawkeye Area Community Action Program - \$85,000

- Area served: Benton, Johnson, Linn and Washington Counties

- Contact: Jane Drapeaux: 319-393-7811

Willis Dady Emergency Shelter - \$26,600

- Area served: Benton, Iowa, Jones and Linn Counties
- Contact: Tim Wilson: 319 362-7555

Muscatine County

Muscatine Center for Social Action - \$28,000

- Area served: Muscatine County
- Contact: Maggie Curry: 563-264-3278

Polk County

Central Iowa Shelter & Services - \$80,000

- Area served: Dallas, Polk and Warren Counties
- Contact: Tony Timm: 515-280-2987

Children & Families of Iowa - \$28,000

- Area served: Polk and Warren Counties
- Contact: Gloria Gray: 515-697-7920

Cottage Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church - \$36,000

- Area served: Polk County
- Contact: Dr. Roberta Victor: 515-279-8877

Des Moines Area Religious Council - \$28,000

- Area served: Polk County
- Contact: Sarai Schnucker Rice: 515-277-6969

Family Promise of Greater Des Moines - \$18,000

- Area served: Polk County
- Contact: Jim Cain: 515-277-7051

Youth Emergency Services & Shelter - \$23,680

- Area served: Polk County
- Contact: Stephen Quirk: 515-243-7825

Scott County

The Salvation Army, Davenport - \$28,000

- Area served: Scott County
- Contact: Emily Harvey: 563-324-4808

Sioux County

Family Crisis Centers - \$36,000

- Area served: Calhoun, Carroll, Crawford, Lyon, Monona, O'Brien, Osceola and Sioux Counties
- Contact: Shari Kastein: 712-722-4483

Webster County

Fort Dodge Housing Agency - \$38,785

- Area served: City of Fort Dodge
- Contact: Barbara Michaels: 515-573-7751

Woodbury County

Center for Siouxland - \$36,000

- Area served: Woodbury County

- Contact: Jonette Spurlock: 712-252-1861

Council on Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence - \$32,000

- Area served: Buena Vista, Calhoun, Carroll, Cherokee, Clay, Crawford, Dickinson, Emmett, Ida, Lyon, Monona, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux and Woodbury Counties
- Contact: Margaret Sanders: 712-277-0131

Shesler Hall - \$14,000

- Area served: Monona, Plymouth and Woodbury Counties
- Contact: Margaret Armstrong: 712-258-8059

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